

In the Claims:

1. ~~(Currently Amended)~~ A food transportation container, comprising:  
~~a deformable container configured for limiting heat energy transfer of a food item therein;~~  
~~an opening on one side of the container for inserting and removing said food item;~~  
~~an integral radiant barrier configured to provide a barrier to convection and radiation of heat, said barrier configured to provide heat retention within the container thus limiting heat loss from said food item having a top and a base, said food item including at least one of a beverage and food disposed in the container; and~~  
~~a flap portion depending from said container proximate to said opening, said flap portion being configured and dimensioned to cover and seal said opening.~~

~~a base having a top surface, a bottom surface and an outside edge comprised of a firm material;~~

~~— a top having a top surface, a bottom surface and an outside edge, comprised of a firm material, wherein the outside edge of the top releasably interconnects with the outside edge of the base;~~

~~— an integral radiant barrier configured to provide a barrier to convection and radiation of heat, said barrier configured to provide heat retention within an interior portion defining the container thus limiting heat loss from at least one of a beverage and food disposed in said interior portion defining the container, said barrier comprising a reflective material applied to at least said bottom surface of said top;~~

2. ~~(Currently Amended)~~ The food transportation container of claim 254, wherein said radiant barrier is applied to substantially an exterior portion of the food transportation container that is exposed to food therein.

3. ~~(Currently Amended)~~ The food transportation container of claim 254, wherein said radiant barrier is applied to substantially an interior portion of the food

transportation container that is exposed to food therein.

4. (original) The food transportation container of claim 3, wherein said radiant barrier is applied to substantially an exterior portion of the food transportation container that is exposed to food therein.
5. (~~Currently Amended~~) The food transportation container of claim ~~25~~<sup>4</sup>, wherein said radiant barrier is incorporated into said bottom surface of said top by painting said reflective material.
6. (original) The food transportation container of claim 5, wherein said reflective material is metallized polyethylene.
7. (~~Currently Amended~~) The food transportation container of claim ~~25~~<sup>4</sup>, wherein said radiant barrier is a metallized sheet.
8. (original) The food transportation container of claim 7, wherein said metallized sheet is a metallized polymer sheet.
9. (~~Currently Amended~~) A disposable food container configured as an enveloping deformable bag for limiting heat energy transfer of food therein, the bag comprising:  
an enveloping deformable bag configured for limiting heat energy transfer of a food item therein;
  - an aperture on one side of the bag for inserting and removing said food item;
  - an integral thermal convection barrier;
  - an integral radiant barrier configured to provide a barrier to convection and radiation of heat, said barrier configured to provide heat retention within the bag thus limiting heat loss from said food item having a top and a base, said food item including at least one of a beverage and food disposed in the bag; and
  - a flap portion depending away from said bag proximate to said aperture, said flap portion being configured and dimensioned to cover and seal said aperture.
10. (original) The disposable food container of claim 9, wherein said radiant barrier is a metallized polymer, said container being constructed out of said metallized

polymer.

11. (original) The disposable food container of claim 9, wherein said radiant barrier includes a highly reflective surface.

12. (original) The disposable food container of claim 10, wherein said metallized polymer is one of a metallized polyethylene and a metallized oriented polypropylene.

13. (original) The disposable food container of claim 12, wherein said metallized polyethylene is about 0.00125 inches thick.

14. (original) The disposable food container of claim 12, wherein said metallized oriented polypropylene is about 0.0015 inches thick.

15. (original) The disposable food container of claim 12, wherein said metallized oriented polypropylene is about 0.0030 inches thick.

16. (Previously Presented) The food transportation container of claim 8, wherein said metallized polymer sheet eliminates a bulky insulative layer facilitating disposal and folding thereof.

17. (Previously Presented) The food transportation container of claim 16, wherein said metallized polymer sheet is selected from the group comprising polymers, polypropylene or polyethylene.

18. (Currently Amended) A method for retaining the thermal qualities of a food item, comprising:

inserting a food item having a top and a base within a disposable food container configured as an enveloping deformable bag, said bag comprising:

an aperture on one side of the bag for inserting and removing food;

an integral radiant and convection barrier configured to provide a barrier to convection and radiation of heat, said barrier configured to provide heat retention within the bag thus limiting heat loss from said food item including at least one of a beverage and food disposed in the bag;

a flap portion depending away from said bag proximate to said aperture, said flap portion being configured and dimensioned to cover said aperture,

wherein said bag eliminates an insulative layer facilitating at least one of disposal and folding thereof; and

sealing said food within said disposable bag by sealing said aperture with said flap.

19. (original) The method as in claim 18, wherein said food item is a pizza within a pizza box, said pizza box having venting apertures.

20. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 18, wherein said bag is manufactured solely out of a metallized polyethylene about 0.00125 inches thick.

21. (Previously Presented) The disposable food container of claim 10, wherein said metallized polymer eliminates a bulky insulative layer facilitating at least one of disposal and folding thereof.

22. (Previously Presented) The disposable food container of claim 21, wherein said metallized polymer is selected from the group comprising polymers, polypropylene or polyethylene.

23. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 18, wherein said food item is at least one of a beverage and food within a box, said box having venting apertures.

24. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 18, further comprising:  
disposing the enveloping deformable bag by at least one of folding and manually tearing the bag to facilitate disposal thereof.

25. (New) The food transportation container of claim 1, wherein said deformable container is further defined including a base having a top surface, a bottom surface and an outside edge comprised of a firm material, and said flap portion includes a top

having a top surface, a bottom surface and an outside edge, comprised of a firm material, wherein the outside edge of the top releasably interconnects with the outside edge of the base, said integral radiant barrier comprising a reflective material applied to at least said bottom surface of said top.